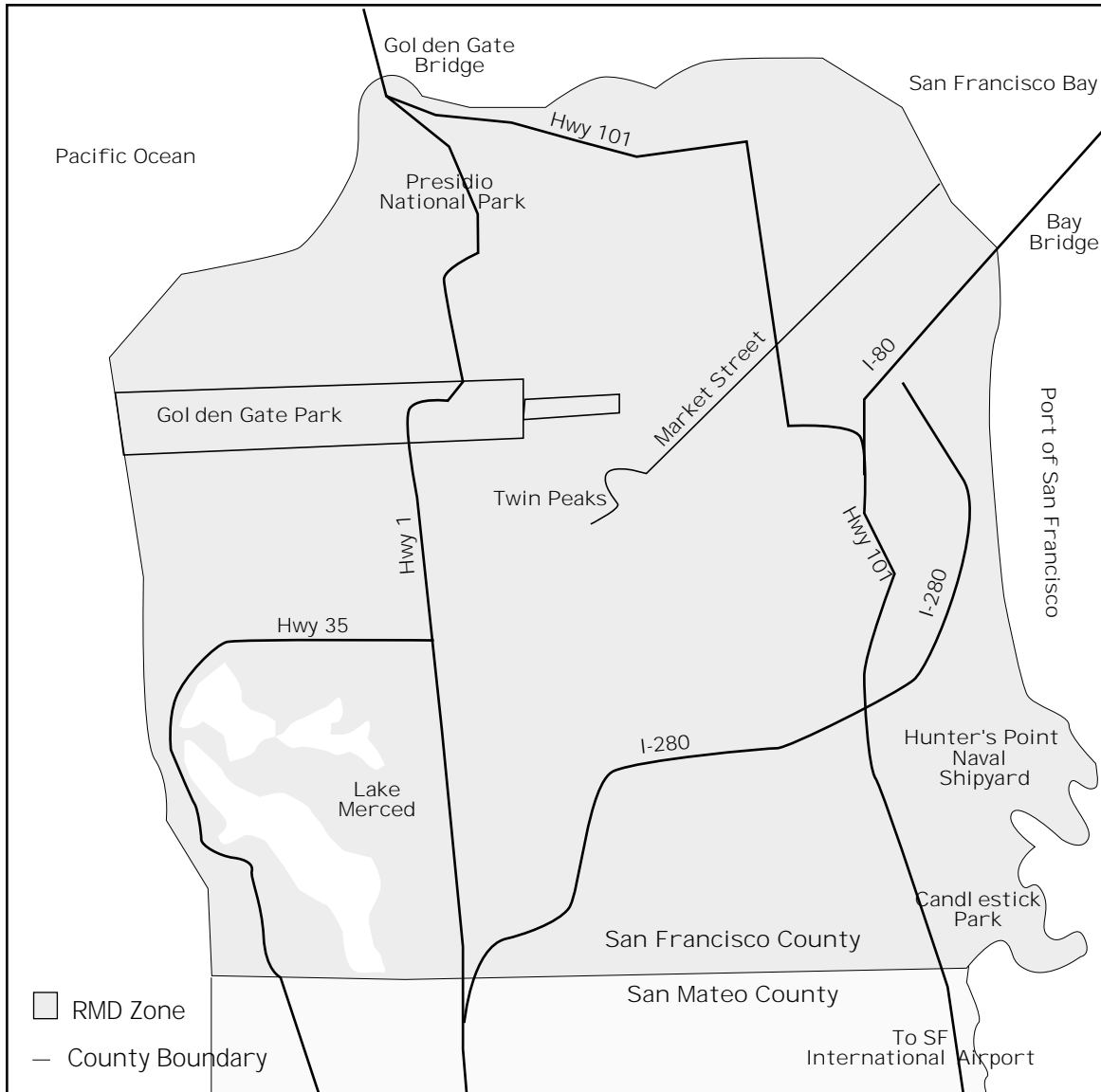




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SAN FRANCISCO RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT ZONE



ZONE INFORMATION

The San Francisco Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) encompasses the entire city and county of San Francisco. San Francisco is committed to local economic development and to attracting and assisting recycling-based businesses. It has long demonstrated its commitment to waste reduction and recycling, earning national recognition for its leadership in urban recycling programs. The San Francisco RMDZ is a joint project of the San Francisco Recycling Program, San Francisco Enterprise Zone, and the Mayor's Office.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

California Recycling Market Development Zones are designated by the Integrated Waste Management Board. The Board offers low-interest loans up to \$1 million, technical assistance on financing strategies, and assistance in marketing zones nationally and internationally. For more information on this program and other market development programs, contact the Board's Recycling Business Assistance Branch at (916) 255-1000.

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TARGET MATERIALS

Materials targeted for the San Francisco RMDZ include mixed paper, compostables, high-density polyethylene (HDPE), and unsorted plastics, as well as construction and demolition (C&D) debris. San Francisco is especially seeking industries and technologies that produce high-value products from blends of organics that are rich in food waste. San Francisco is interested in a wide range of industries and products.

INFRASTRUCTURE

San Francisco is positioned to provide businesses with major competitive advantages, including a large, affluent consumer market; an air, rail, and maritime infrastructure; venture capital and financial services; a productive, skilled work force; and a technology- and service-based economy. The city has a fully developed infrastructure for its businesses and residents. Freeways and mass transit connect it to the surrounding region, while its port and airport link it to national and international markets.

INCENTIVES

The San Francisco RMDZ will assist potential businesses with financing, site selection, permit assistance, adequate feedstock supplies, and job training. The zone will be linked closely with the area's Enterprise Zone, which encompasses most of the city's industrial properties and offers many special incentives and resources to businesses located in the area. The zone is connected to three military base conversions, providing unique opportunities for recycling market development. In addition, San Francisco is committed to buying products made from recycled feedstock. The city also has several grant programs available for nonprofit and for-profit recycling-based businesses.

San Francisco has a lot to offer recycling businesses. With designation by the State of California as a Recycling Market Development Zone, along with an increase in the availability of affordable manufacturing sites, San Francisco has become one of the most exciting markets in the country in which to locate recycling-based enterprises. And for quality of life, San Francisco is unsurpassed. The climate, diversity, excitement, and just sheer beauty that make it one of the world's favorite places to visit, also make it one of the best places in the world to live and work.

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